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SUBJECT: CCD: PROPOSAL BY CO-CHAIRMEN ON CCD PROCEDURES

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1. SUMMARY: CCD CO-CHAIRMEN PUT FORWARD PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL ON ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE AD HOC WORKING GROUPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING TREATY TEXTS, ON PROMPT DISTRIBUTION OF CCD PROVISIONAL VERBATIMS AND WORKING DOCUMENTS, AND ON MAKING PERMANENT PRESENT PROCEDURES DEALING WITH CCD REPORTS
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AND COMMUNIQUE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT PROPOSAL WILL BE ADOPTED IN NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY

2. DURING CCD PLENARY MEETING ON MARCH 24, MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) PRESENTED FORMAL PROPOSAL ON CCD PROCEDURES (CCD/530) ON BEHALF OF MEXICO AND ELEVEN OTHER NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS. THIS PROPOSAL INCLUDED PROVISIONS FOR STANDING

SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CCD WHICH BOTH CO-CHAIRMEN AND OTHERS HAD OPPOSED DURING EARLIER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS.

3. AFTER END OF PLENARY MEETING, CCD HELD BRIEF INFORMAL MEETING ON PROCEDURES WITH UK ACTING REP (TAYLOR) IN CHAIR. SOVIET REP (LIKHACHEV) SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CO-CHAIRMAN CIRCULATED FOLLOWING DRAFT PROPOSAL: BEGIN TEXT

PROPOSAL BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH OVER DELEGATIONS:

CCD PROCEDURES:

I. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CCD

THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED IN PLENARY MEETINGS AND THROUGH ANY ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE, SUCH AS SPECIAL PLENARY MEETINGS, INFORMAL MEETINGS, OR INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS.

THE COMMITTEE, WISHING TO PROFIT FROM THE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE GAINED BY THE CCD DURING ITS 1976 SESSION, AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES (FOOTNOTE: THESE GUIDELINES ARE INTENDED TO REDUCE THE NECESSITY FOR LENGTHY PROCEDURAL DEBATE IN THE FUTURE BUT ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS INFLEXIBLE RULES. END FOOTNOTE) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUPS TO FACILITATE THE NEGOTIATIONS OF TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS (OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT).

(Q) WHEN IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS A BASIS TO NEGOTIATE A DRAFT TREATY OR OTHER DRAFT TEXTS, THE CCD SHOULD ESTABLISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR THIS PURPOSE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CCD.

(2) THE CCD SHOULD DEFINE THE MANDATE FOR EACH WORKING GROUP INCLUDING A TARGET DATE FOR SUBMITTING ITS FINAL REPORT TO THE CCD AND SHOULD PROVIDE THE GROUP WITH SUCH WORKING DOCUMENTS AS MAY FORM AN APPROPRIATE STARTING POINT FOR THE GROUP'S WORK.

(3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CCD'S ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE, THE WORKING GROUPS SHALL WORK ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS. THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUPS SHOULD ROTATE IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN THE CCD. THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE ON AN INFORMAL BASIS AND SHOULD BE SO SCHEDULED AS TO AVOID CONFLICTING OR OTHERWISE INTERFERING WITH THE REGULAR OR INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE CCD. THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION IN THE WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY EACH DELEGATION. THE WORKING GROUPS, ON A PERIODIC BASIS, SHOULD ISSUE WHATEVER REPORTS TO THE CCD ARE DEEMED NECESSARY. THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT THE SECRETARIAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE WORKING GROUPS AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF UNOFFICIAL

SUMMARIES OF THE WORKING GROUPS' PROCEEDINGS.

(4) THE CCD WILL TAKE ANY OTHER DECISIONS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION THE PROCEDURES OF THE WORKING GROUPS.

II. PREPARATION OF THE CCD'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNGA.

(1) THE DRAFT REPORT SHOULD BE PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

(2) THE DRAFT SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CCD AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DATE FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE SUMMER SESSION. (IT SHOULD BE UPDATED AT THE END OF THE SUCCEEDING WEEK.)

(3) THE DRAFT SHOULD CONTAIN:

(A) THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AS ADOPTED ON 15 AUGUST 1968:

(B) SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC REQUESTS ADDRESSED TO THE CCD BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS PRECEDING REGULAR SESSION;

(C) SECTIONAL HEADINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEMS COMPRIMSED IN (A) AND (B) ABOVE REGARDING THE OTHER MATTERS RAISED IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE DURING THE YEAR;

(D) SIGNIFICANT VIEWS EXPRESSED BY DELEGATIONS UNDER EACH ITEM INCLUDING THEIR ANALYSIS, IF ANY, OF THE ISSUES DISCUSSED. (IF MORE THAN ONE DELEGATION HAS MADE THE SAME POINT THE FACT SHOULD BE CLEARLY STATED);

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(E) CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS, IF ANY, ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS;
(F) A TABLE OF CONTENTS AND AN INDEX, ALONG THE LINES
OF THE INDEX WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE 1976 REPORT, AS WELL
AS A SUBJECT INDEX OF BOTH THE BASIC REPORT AND ANNEXES. (THE
SUBJECT HEADINGS MAY NEED TO BE CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME);
(G) WORKING PAPERS AND PROPOSALS SUBMITTED DURING THE YEAR;
(H) PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORDS OF THE MEETINGS HELD
DURING THE YEAR SHOULD ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED AS A SEPARATE
ANNEX OF THE REPORT.
(4) THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE DRAFT REPORT DURING
THE FINAL WEEK OF ITS SUMMER SESSION. DELEGATIONS WISHING
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TO MAKE STATEMENTS ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE DURING THAT WEEK,
AND WISHING REFERENCE TO THE STATEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN
THE REPORT, SHOULD PROVIDE VERY BRIEF SUMMARIES FOR THIS
PURPOSE.

(5) THE REPORT SHOULD BE CIRCULATED IN NEW YORK TO ALL
DELEGATIONS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE UN BY 1ST OCTOBER.

III. DISTRIBUTION OF PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORDS OF CCD
PLENARY MEETINGS AND CCD WORKING DOCUMENTS.

PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORDS OF THE CCD PLENARY MEETINGS
HELD DURING THE YEAR AND THE WORKING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE
DISTRIBUTED IN NEW YORK TO DELEGATIONS OF MEMBER STATES OF
THE UN AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM GENEVA.

IV. COMMUNIQUE OF CCD PLENARY MEETINGS.

THE COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE MADE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO REFLECT
THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CCD PLENARY MEETINGS.

IT SHOULD CONTAIN INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSECUTIVE
NUMBER OF THE PLENARY MEETING, AND THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE DAY.

THE COMMUNIQUE SHOULD ENUMERATE THE NAMES OF THE REPRESENT-
ATIVES OF THE COUNTRIES WHO MADE STATEMENTS, A BRIEF INDICATION
OF THE TOPICS COVERED BY THEM, WHICH NORMALLY SHOULD BE
LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN A SHORT PARAGRAPH, AND SHOULD ALSO

CITE THE SUBJECT HEADING OF PROPOSALS OR WORKING PAPERS
SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

IT SHOULD ALSO CONTAIN INFORMATION IN RESPECT TO THE
COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS CONCERNING ITS SCHEDULE OF WORK,
CONVENING OF FORMAL, INFORMAL OR OTHER MEETINGS. END TEXT

4. IN DESCRIBING PROPOSAL, SOVIET REP SAID THAT CO-
CHAIRMEN HAD ATTEMPTED TO INCLUDE ONLY THOSE PROVISIONS
WHICH WERE MOST WIDELY APPROVED AND WHERE THERE SEEMED TO BE
A BASIS FOR CONSENSUS. HE NOTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES MAY NOT
HAVE SOME OF THEIR IDEAS IN THE DRAFT BUT THAT OBJECTIVE WAS
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TO PRODUCE DRAFT WHICH COULD BE UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED AS A
COMPROMISE. SOVIET REP ADDED THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY
TO OPEN THE ISSUE TO FURTHER DISCUSSION, BUT THAT CONTINUED
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS SHOULD PERMIT THE CCD TO TAKE ACTION
ON THE PROPOSAL AT THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING (MARCH 29).

5. SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL, US REP (MYERS) SAID:

A. THE US DEL BELIEVES THAT THE DRAFT PROPOSAL ON CCD
PROCEDURES PREPARED BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN REPRESENTS THOSE
VIEWS ON WHICH ALL DELS MIGHT BE ABLE TO AGREE.

B. THE US DEL FINDS THAT THE DRAFT PROPOSAL PROVIDES A
REALISTIC, FLEXIBLE SET OF PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING OUT THE
WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING
NEGOTIATIONS ON MORE THAN ONE DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT AT THE
SAME TIME, SHOULD THAT BE NECESSARY.

C. THE PROPOSAL ALSO PROVIDES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CCD
PROVISIONAL VERBATIMS AND WORKING DOCUMENTS IN NEW YORK
AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE FROM GENEVA. WE THINK THAT
THIS WILL PERMIT THOSE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHO
ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE CCD TO BE INFORMED IN A MORE TIMELY
FASHION OF THE WORK OF THE CCD.

D. THE PROPOSAL MAKES FORMAL THE PRESENT UNOFFICIAL
PROCEDURES ON COMMUNIQUE, IN THIS REGARD, IT SHOULD BE
NOTED THAT THE BRIEF SUMMARY OF EACH STATEMENT SHOULD
NORMALLY BE LIMITED TO A PARAGRAPH.

E. IN SUM, THE US DEL BELIEVES THESE PROPOSALS, WHICH DRAW
ON THE IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD BY A NUMBER OF
MEMBERS, WILL PERMIT THE CCD TO CARRY OUT ITS TASKS IN A
MORE EFFECTIVE WAY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PRESERVING THE
ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMMITTEE.

6. IN EARLIER CONSULTATIONS WITH MEXICAN REP HE INDICATED
THAT HE WANTED TO PUT HIS IDEA OF A STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE
ON THE RECORD, BUT THAT HE COULD ACCEPT THE CO-CHAIRMEN'S
PROPOSAL. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE PROPOSAL WILL BE
APPROVED WITH LITTLE OR NO MODIFICATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE,
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PERHAPS AS EARLY AS MARCH 29. AS INDICATED EARLIER, US DEL
INTENDS TO JOIN CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF PROPOSAL ALONG LINES
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